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Granulocyte Colony-
Stimulating Factor"

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Sir:

The Applicant requests that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of official record in the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner.

Documents A1-A2, B1-B13 and C1-C135 were previously cited by or submitted in parent application serial no. 09/060,275, which issued as U.S. Patent 6,004,548 on December 21, 1999, from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, thus pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the documents are not submitted herewith.

Also, documents A3 and A6, documents A4-A5 and C140, documents C136 and C138, and documents C137 and C139 were previously cited by the Office in prior application nos. 08/679,897, 07/269,885, 06/835,548, and 08/452,135, respectively, which are also presently relied upon herein for an earlier filing date, thus pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the documents are not submitted herewith.

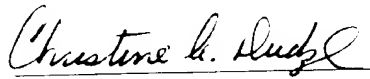
Documents A7-A9, B14-B15, and C141-C158 are enclosed herewith. Document A7 is the issued patent of prior application no. 08/452,135, filed May 26, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,582,823, issued December 10, 1996. Document A8 is the issued patent of prior application no. 08/679,897, filed July 15, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,830,705, issued November 3, 1998. Document A9 is the issued patent of prior application no. 09/060,275, filed December 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,004,548, issued December 21, 1999.

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